

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1466
ANSWERED ON:29.10.2008
VISION DOCUMENT FOR NER
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has finalised a long-term vision document for the development of the North Eastern Region (NER);
- (b) if so, the salient features of the same; and
- (c) the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER,MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION(SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) Yes,Sir.The North Eastern Region Vision 2020 document has been finalized.The document was adopted by the North-Eastern Council in its 56th meeting held at Agartala, on 12-13 May 2008.The document was also formally released by the Honourable Prime Minister on 2nd July 2008.It was laid on the table of the Lok Sabha on 22 October,2008.

(b) The Vision document sets up the goals,identifies the challenges and suggests regional and sectoral implementation strategies for promoting the socio-economic prosperity of the region, with a view to growth rates in the North-East Region catching up with the overall national growth rates.

The document suggests a six-fold strategy for the comprehensive developments of the region:

Empowering people by maximising self-governance and participatory development through grass-roots planning to promote inclusive development.

Creation of development opportunities for the rural areas through enhancing productivity in agriculture and allied activities such as animal husbandry, horticulture, floriculture, fisheries and generation of livelihood options through rural non-farm employment.

To develop sectors in the region which have a comparative advantage such as agro processing, hydel power generation.

Enhancing the skills and competencies of the people and building the capacities for institutions within the Government and outside.

Creating a hospitable investment climate to encourage investment by private sector particularly for infrastructure.

Harnessing the resources of the Government and the private sector to realise the objectives of the Vision.

Overall,the Vision Document stresses on the development of agriculture and allied sectors, strengthening of physical infrastructure and participatory development and inclusive governance.

(c) The Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region has constituted 16 Thematic Working Groups comprising of line Ministries, State Governments of the region and sectoral experts.These Thematic Working Groups have prepared Plans of Action based on the Vision Document to achieve its objectives. The plans of action were presented in the headquarters of the North-Eastern Council in Shillong, 3-4 December, 2008.

FR at page 2/c is the printed version of the Lok Sabha unstarred question No.1466 raised by Dr, Arun Kumar Sarma and Shri Naveen Jindal MP, to be answered on 29.10.2008 regarding Vision Document for NER. The text of the question is reproduced below:

- (a) whether the Government has finalised a long-term vision document for the development of the North Eastern Region (NER);
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Based on the Vision document and information available in the Ministry a draft reply has been attempted and put up for perusal and approval.

(Pankaj Asthana)

Director JS (JM)

F/R at page 3/c is a letter from Lok Sabha Secretariat stating that since the Lok Sabha was adjourned on 24th October, 2008, to meet again on 10.12.2008, the question listed for 29th October, 2008 are required to be laid on the table of the house on 10th December, 2008. The replies to the question are to be submitted by 05.12.2008.

We have received unstarred question no. 1466, raised by Dr. Arun Kumar Sarma and Shri Naveen Jindal regarding Vision document for NER, to be replied on 29.10.2008 in the Lok Sabha. The question was dealt on page 2/N and a reply was prepared. However, since the parliament was adjourned further action could not be taken. The question no. 1466 is reproduced below:

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- (b) if so, the salient features of the same; and
- (c) the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

The letter from Lok Sabha Secretariat was received today in this office. Accordingly, the draft reply for the above question is submitted for perusal and approval.

(Pankaj Asthana)

Director

JS (JM)